

DIAA Board of Directors' Special Meeting
 Thursday, July 23, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.
 Video Conference Call*

Minutes

<u>Names</u>		<u>Names</u>	
Dr. Bradley Layfield - Chairperson	P	Jeremy Jeanne	P
Dr. Kathleen Andrus	L	Ted Laws	P
Dr. Bradley Bley	P	Chuck Little	P
Mike Breeding	P	Douglas Thompson	P
Robert Cilento	P	Stan Waterman	P
Dr. Matthew Donovan	P	Robert Watson	P
Dr. Evelyn Edney	P	Michael Rodriguez –DOE Associate Secretary	A
Vetra Evans-Gunter	P	Donna Polk – DIAA Executive Director	P
Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald	P	Laura Makransky – Deputy Attorney General	P
Bruce Harris	P	Stephanie Mark-DIAA Coordinator	P
Mike Hart	P	Amoscita Rodriguez-DIAA Secretary	P/A
P= Present A = Absent L= Late arrival			

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order-Dr. Layfield called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
- B. Roll Call – See above
- C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento; the motion carried with a unanimous vote 16 Yes [Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson] and 0 No.

- D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA June 11, 2020 Board Meeting

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve the minutes of the DIAA June 11, 2020 Board Meeting, the motion was seconded by Ms. Gunter; the motion carried with a unanimous vote 15 Yes [Bley, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson], 0 no, 1 abstention [Breeding].

- E. Approval of Minutes of DIAA June 24, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve the minutes of the DIAA June 24, 2020 Special Board Meeting, the motion was seconded by Mr. Hart; the motion carried with a vote 14 Yes [Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson], 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Donovan and Little).

- F. DIAA Financial Report

Dr. Donovan made a motion to accept the financial report, the motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento; the motion carried with a unanimous vote 17 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson], and 0 no.

II. Action Items

A. Request to Use 8th Graders for High School Athletics 1009 2.7.5

- Christina High School, Delmar Middle & High School, Laurel High School, Milford High School, Newark Charter, Red Lion, Tatnall School, Tower Hill, Wilmington Friends

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the request by Christina High School, Delmar Middle & High School, Laurel High School, Milford High School, Newark Charter, Red Lion Christian Academy, Tatnall School, Tower Hill, Wilmington Friends to Use 8th Graders for High School Athletics (1009 2.7.5); the motion was seconded by Mr. Laws and carried with a unanimous vote 17 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson] and 0 no.

B. Approval of DIAA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

Mr. Laws made a motion to approve the DIAA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar with the flexibility to allow hybrid meetings if permitted; the motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne and carried with a unanimous vote 17 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson], and 0 no.

C. Approval and Appointment of Committee Members

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve and appointment of the committee members discussed; the motion was seconded by Ms. Evans-Gunter and carried with a unanimous vote 17 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson] and 0 no.

The Approved appointments are:

Boys Soccer – Approved (3 yrs): John Brady, Charlie Granger, Scott Meyers
Reappointment – Approved (3 yrs): Ryan Bradford, David Hadaway, John Myers, Bill Schultz

Football – Approved (3 yrs): Andrew Bero, John Wilson, Bradley Layfield
Reappointment – Approved (3 yrs): James Comegys, Daniel Ritter, Jody Russell

D. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.4 by Salesianum School – 2020.7.2*

Mike Hart recused himself from this matter.

Ted Laws made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of for the purpose of discussing the contents of a pupil file, the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne; the motion carried with a vote of 16 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Harris, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson] and 0 No.

The Board took a 5 minute break prior to beginning the Executive Session.

The Board went into executive session.

Student and student's parents were in attendance to present this request.

The Board went into deliberation. The Board came out of deliberation. The Board came out of executive session on a motion by Mr. Laws and seconded by Mr. Jeanne, which carried by a vote of 13 Yes [Bley, Breeding, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson] and 0 No.

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to grant the waiver because the student, the student's family, and the student's school established all five conditions for granting a waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Donovan and carried by a vote of 10 – yes [Bley, Breeding, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, and Thompson], 0 no, and 1 abstention [Harris].

E. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.4 by Red Lion – 2020.7.3*

Mr. Laws recused himself from this matter.

The Board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the contents of a pupil file, the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

Student, and student's parents, were in attendance to present this request.

The Board went into deliberation. The Board came out of deliberation. The Board came out of executive session on a motion by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Breeding, which carried by a vote of 15 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson] and 0 No.

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to grant the waiver because the student, the student's family, and the student's school established all five conditions for granting a waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried by a vote of 12– yes [Bley, Breeding, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Hart, Jeanne, Layfield, Thompson, and Waterman] and 0 no.

F. Proposed Amendments to DIAA Regulations

Ms. Polk shared potential rules that should be addressed. No action taken.

III. Coronavirus COVID-19 Impact

A. Regulation 1010 Interscholastic Athletics During COVID-19 Pandemic
State Board is scheduled to meet on August 20, 2020.

B. Sport Seasons Consideration during the Academic Year

Discussion occurred regarding sport seasons options, sport specific considerations and regulatory process. Jeremy Jeanne discussed potential DAAD proposal for sport season. No action taken.

C. Determine Stage for DIAA Return to Play Plan

There was extensive discussion on this topic, but no action was taken.

IV. Protesting Activities during Game Competition

Mr. Thompson asked the Board that if/when athletes do return to the field what is going to be put in place to protect the students' freedom of speech if they choose to protest something.

Dr. Layfield suggested educating the Board about rights of freedom of speech so that they can educate the athletic directors, principals, etc. There will probably be guidelines from public health also how to protect students if they choose to protest.

V. Executive Director Report

Ms. Polk said that the report is uploaded in Simbli and she asked if anyone had any /comments. There were none.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Rules and Regulation Committee Report

Dr. Donovan reported that there are new members on the Rules and Reg Committee and they are making process on issues. Next item for discussion is the Transfer Rule (comparing to NJ Transfer Rule regs).

B. Committee Reports

SMAC will have a meeting on August 3, 2020

Sportsmanship-16 schools awarded the Sportsmanship Award.

Officials Committee has met a couple of time and making recommendations to DAAD.

VII. Other Items for Discussion Only

No items for discussion

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Bley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

